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## Press Release

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### Pennsylvania Milk Production Down 3.0 Percent in May

**HARRISBURG** --- Milk production in **Pennsylvania** during May 2003 totaled 928 million pounds, down 3.0 percent from last year's production, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service (PASS). The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 580,000 head, down 2,000 head from April and unchanged from May 2002. Production per cow averaged 1,600 pounds in May, 25 pounds more than April, but 50 pounds less than May 2002.

Milk production in the **20 states surveyed** during May 2003 totaled 13.0 billion pounds, down 0.4 percent from May 2002. April revised production, at 12.6 billion pounds was up 0.6 percent from April 2002. The number of milk cows averaged 7.79 million head, 17,000 head more than May 2002, but 12,000 head less than April 2003. Production per cow averaged 1,669 pounds for May, 9 pounds below May of last year.